

# NEWSLETTER

## Offley Endowed Primary School and Nursery Newsletter : 5th September 2025

### Message from the Head

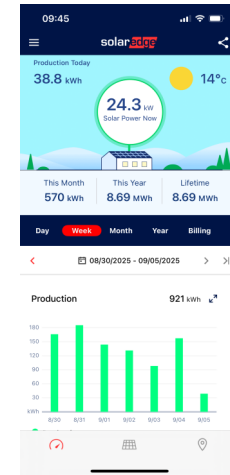
Welcome back to the Autumn term. This will be my 9th year as Headteacher at Offley and I honestly don't know where the time has gone. I am still as enthusiastic as ever after the summer break and happy with the recent works whilst the school has been closed to children.

The solar panels are doing their job. I can monitor the electricity being generated and we are producing far more than we are using at the moment. This will result in a financial kick back that we can use towards higher bills in the winter months.

We have also completed more carpet work in the main building. Mrs Warne and Mrs Brogan have new carpets and the corridors and chapel room have also been freshened up. Speaking of which, we welcome Mrs Brogan to our teaching team in year 4/5 and she is joined with her daughter, Lyla, in Reception.

Finally the 'pod' has been completed and is now awaiting some bits of furniture to make it multi-functional. It will be used as a calm, sensory room for some children, a reading and comprehension space for others and Mrs Clark will also do some music lessons in the pod. We are so short of space around the school and this building will provide some additional room for many different activities.

Just one birthday this week. Happy birthday to Sebastian in Year 2. Enjoy your weekend. I'm off to Watford to watch Jasmin perform with the electric umbrella choir. Mr Edwards & Bandit.



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Baby on the way ... Congratulations to Miss V-T and her partner Charlie, who are expecting their first baby in January. Miss V-T will be on maternity leave after Christmas and we are currently in the process of looking for a qualified teacher to replace her for a year.



Our Harvest festival will be on the 2nd October in Offley church. We would like to support feed up, warm up once more and they are collecting from the Church straight after the service. They have specifically asked for the following this year ... tinned beans, soup, tuna, sardines, meatballs and hotdogs. Tins of peeled potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, peach or pear slices, spaghetti. Pasta or rice and pot noodles. Cup a soup and individual juice drink cartons. Toothpaste, deodorant, baby wipes and shower gel. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

Year 2 staff toilet. If you use this toilet in the morning, please ensure it is kept clean and nothing other than toilet roll is put in the loo. We have had to spend a lot of money repairing the pump in the summer due to it being blocked.

## Offley News

Parent Governor news - We have two parent Governors on the Governing board. Teresa Scannell (parent of Noah and Rosie) has her term of office ending in November. Teresa is happy to continue in the role for another 4 years. If anyone has a burning desire to replace her, then there is a formal process and we follow this path and have a voting system to elect a replacement. If you would like to apply for this role then in the first instance, please speak to Mr Edwards and he will explain the process in more detail. The closing date to apply for the Parent Governor position is 3rd October 2025. If there are no candidates then Teresa will continue as a Governor for another term. There will be a vacancy in the not too distance future when the office of Charlotte Barker comes to a natural end.



There are planned road closures between 15th-19th September in the Village to put in flat top tables, cushions and a junction speed table at the end of School Lane. I am trying to liaise with highways to ensure the works do not affect the school runs. They are currently scheduled to work between 09:00 and 16:00

Day	Date	Mth	Offley Endowed: Future Dates for your diary
Tues	9th	Sep	Swimming for all year 3 & 4 children for 13 weeks every Tuesday at 10:50am
Wed	10th	Sep	Meet the teacher—Years 1-6 15:15 and 15:35
Tues	16th	Sep	NSPCC Workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6—in school
Tues	23rd	Sep	PHASE workshop—Year 6
Wed	1st	Oct	Flu Vaccinations for Years Reception to Year 6
Thur	2nd	Oct	Harvest Festival in Offley Church—please see article above Feed Up/Warm up
Mon	6th	Oct	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Fri	10th	Oct	Photos—individual and siblings
Tues	14th	Oct	Heights and Weights for year 6 children
Tues	21st	Oct	Parents evening 17:00-20:00
Wed	22nd	Oct	Parents evening 15:30-18:30
Fri	24th	Oct	Break up for HALF TERM at 15:10
Mon	3rd	Nov	Return to School